

*2013 Annual Meeting

March 14, 2013

Owensville Middle School

155 People in attendance



* Guest Speakers - Joy & Cynthia Haeffner
“Agriculture in New Zealand”



* 2013 Election
Area II and IV

Election Results:

Area II - Roark & Boeuf Townships

Dennis Berger - 30 votes

Ronald Gerlemann - 18 votes

Area IV - Canaan & Brush Creek Townships

Ronald Hardecke - 14 votes

Matthew Estes - 37 votes

*Area I Board Representative
Mike Haeffner presents Ron
Hardecke with a

Certificate of Appreciation
for his dedicated services to the

Gasconade County SWCD
from

March 1998 - March 2013





* Conservation Family Award

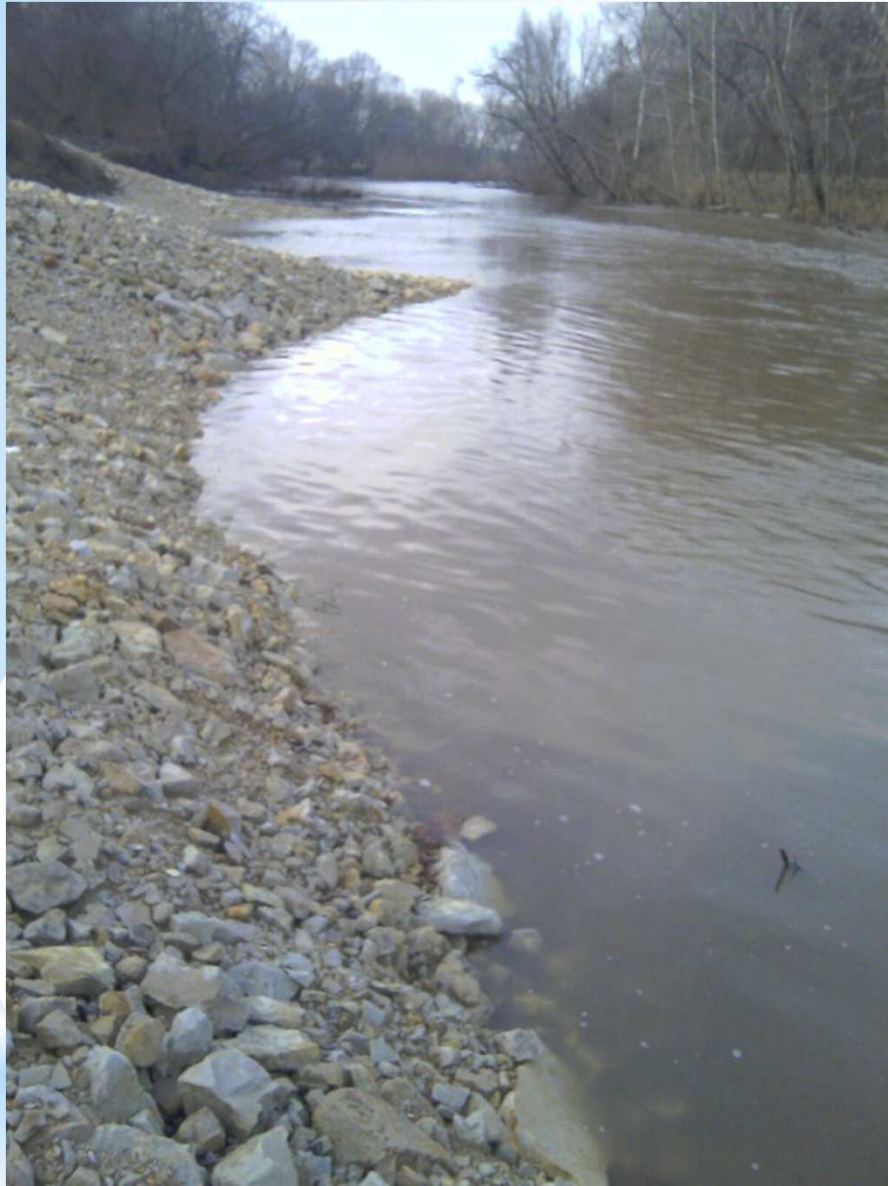
The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to recognize Stanley & Kathy Shoemaker as this year's Conservation Family.

Stanley & Kathy have been married for 47 years and have four children and six grandchildren. Stanley is a lifetime farmer and he and his family are currently running 140 cow/calves on approximately 440 acres. In addition to the cattle, they row crop 75 acres, alternating between corn and soybeans. When Stanley and Kathy purchased their farm, they had their work cut out for them. The land was overgrown with multi-flora rose and had several erosion concerns. He began work towards pasture renovation and then installed waterways, diversions, and several ponds. Just recently, they addressed their streambank erosion issues with a Riparian Forest Buffer and installing several rock weirs through the CCPI project. They have also closed two old wells in order to protect our ground water.

The Shoemakers hosted a farm tour viewing their CCPI Project and they have volunteered several hours towards our 4th Grade Field Days. Kathy has volunteered for a variety of additional projects as well.

Kathy is on the Gasconade County FSA County Executive Committee, County Extension Council and a member of the Busy Bee Club. Stanley has been a member of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers for 48 years.

We are pleased with the conservation management practices that the Shoemakers are working to incorporate on their farm, and we are honored to present them as our 2013 Conservation Family of the Year.





James Thompson, Summer Young, Debra Raaf, Virginia Buschmeyer

*Partnership Award

The Gasconade County Soil and Water District came into existence in 1964 with the dreams of making a difference in the way landowners addressed their conservation concerns. With the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS) and the State Soil & Water Commission, the Board of Supervisors meagerly began putting this dream into action.

A great part of the Soil & Water Conservation District's objective is to provide information and education to the landowners and children of our county. This would not be possible without the assistance of the University of Missouri Extension. Since the very beginning of the District, the extension program has provided us with the educated staff to provide valuable information to our landowners and children. Whenever we host a workshop, grazing school, or field event, it seems that there is always an extension person there to assist us. They have always been ready and willing to lend a hand not only in presentations but in the planning stages as well.

We at the Gasconade County Soil and Water and Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to recognize the University of Missouri Extension with this year's partnership award.





***Volunteer Award**

The Gasconade County Soil and Water District, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, participates in the Earth Team Volunteer Program. Each year, we put on a variety of information and education programs that need the assistance of these volunteers. Each volunteer is very special to us and appreciated greatly. This year we would like to recognize Dorathea Koepke and Nick Roberts as our Volunteers of the Year.

In the year 2000, the District began on a project of introducing 4th graders to farm life and conservation practices. Dorathea Koepke was on hand from the very beginning, eagerly anticipating the opportunity to talk to the students about farm safety. She has been a valuable asset to this project every year. In 2005, Nick Roberts came on the scene to assist in this effort.

Each year, our students learn about ATV safety, how important it is to tell people where you are (especially around grain bins) and safety measures around PTO's and other farm related equipment.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of these two volunteers and we are pleased to present them with this award.



*Thank You!

- ☐ Joy and Cynthia Haeffner for the very informative program on Agriculture in New Zealand
- ☐ Barb Zelch and Country Catering for the wonderful meal!
- ☐ Owensville Middle School for the use of the commons area!